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The Wall Comes to Kentucky

Traveling Version of Vietnam War Memorial on Display in Danville April 24-27

(FRANKFORT, April 21, 2008) – Since it was completed in 1982, the Vietnam War Memorial – The Wall – in Washington, D.C., has become the most visited Memorial in a city of famous memorials.

Few come away unmoved from the 246-foot-long black granite wall of names. But too many people never get the opportunity to visit The Wall at its site beside the National Mall.

Now Kentuckians have the opportunity to visit the wall when the traveling version of the Vietnam War Memorial stops in Danville this week, from Thursday, April 24 through Sunday, April 27.

“Whether you knew someone whose name is on the Wall, or just wonder what the fuss is all about, you should not miss this opportunity to see it for yourself,” said Les Beavers, Commissioner of the Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs and himself a Vietnam combat veteran.

The Traveling Wall is a half-size replica of the Memorial, created by the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund to bring the power, memories and honor of the Memorial to communities through the United States.

The Traveling Wall is accompanied by a mobile museum that tells the story of the Vietnam War, The Wall, and the era. The mobile museum features a map of Vietnam, a

chronology of the war, and related information that helps explain the conflict to the generations of American born in the intervening years. A computerized Information Center also allows visitors to search for information about those named on the Memorial Wall.

The exhibition will be at the Norton Center for the Arts at Centre College in Danville. It will be open 24 hours daily, and is free to the public.